

In the claims:

Amend the claims as follows:

1. An elongated bearing element (30) for hinging a wiper blade (10) to a hook-shaped end (20) of a wiper rod (18) of a windshield wiper, comprising a hub (36) which is open over part of its circumference and formed for placing the bearing element (30) onto a supporting bolt (28) of the wiper blade (10), contracting faces (46, 62, 66) and detent means (76, 78) for holding the bearing element ([3]30) by the hook-shaped end, two side walls (32, 34) that are connected by way of the hub (36), and a number of lateral struts (60, 64, 70) that extend in a longitudinal direction (38) on both sides of the hub (36) and [guided] guidable laterally by legs (72, 74) of the hook-shaped end (20), wherein the clearance (40, 42) between the side walls (32, 34) corresponds to a width of the legs (72, 74), wherein [for] the wiper [rod] rods (18) with different widths [it is] are each mountable by turning substantially over 180° around the hub (36), and the side walls (32, 34) in [the] a region for the legs (72, 74) of [the] a hook-shaped end (20) of a smaller wiper rod (18) on one side of the hub (36) have a smaller clearance for lateral guidance, while the sidewalls (32, 34) in [the] a region for the legs (72, 74) of a wiper rod (18) of [the] a hook-shaped end (20) on another side

of the hub (36) have a greater clearance for lateral guidance.

3. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that an outer contour of the hub (36) has a contact face (46) for [a] the hook-shaped end (20) of the wiper rod (18), with a small bending radius (48) and a small material thickness (52) and a first of the lateral [strut] struts (60) is disposed at a distance (56) from the hub (36) in the longitudinal direction (38) that corresponds to the smaller material thickness (52).

4. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that on an outer contour remote from the hub (36), a first of the lateral [struts] struts (60) has a contact face (62) for [a] the hook-shaped end (20) of a wiper rod (18) with a [large] larger bending radius (50) and a larger material thickness (54), and a second of the lateral [strut] struts (64) is disposed at a distance (58) from the first lateral strut (60) in the longitudinal direction (38) that corresponds to the larger material thickness (54).

5. The bearing element (30) according to claim 4, characterized in that the second lateral strut (64) has a flattened contact face (66) that is oriented toward the hub (36) and is for a [narrower] smaller wiper

rod (18) with a hook-shaped end (20) that has a smaller bending radius (48) and a smaller material thickness (52).

6. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that an additional lateral strut (70) is disposed at ends of the side walls (32, 34) for limiting a pivoting motion of the wiper rod (18) so that legs (72, 74) of [a] the hook-shaped end (20) extend virtually parallel to the longitudinal direction (38) in a mounted position.

7. The bearing element (30) according to claim 6, characterized in that on the side walls (32, 34), starting from the additional lateral strut (70), [at least one detent projection (76, 78) of] the detent means [is disposed] having at least one detent projection (76, 78), which in the mounted position, rests against an inner side of a long leg (72) of the hook-shaped end (20).

Amended claims:

1. An elongated bearing element (30) for hinging a wiper blade (10) to a hook-shaped end (20) of a wiper rod (18) of a windshield wiper, comprising a hub (36) which is open over part of its circumference and formed for placing the bearing element (30) onto a supporting bolt (28) of the wiper blade (10), contracting faces (46, 62, 66) and detent means (76, 78) for holding the bearing element (30) by the hook-shaped end, two side walls (32, 34) that are connected by way of the hub (36), and a number of lateral struts (60, 64, 70) that extend in a longitudinal direction (38) on both sides of the hub (36) and guidable laterally by legs (72, 74) of the hook-shaped end (20), wherein the clearance (40, 42) between the side walls (32, 34) corresponds to a width of the legs (72, 74), wherein the wiper rods (18) with different widths are each mountable by turning substantially over 180° around the hub (36), and the side walls (32, 34) in a region for the legs (72, 74) of a hook-shaped end (20) of a smaller wiper rod (18) on one side of the hub (36) have a smaller clearance for lateral guidance, while the sidewalls (32, 34) in a region for the legs (72, 74) of a wiper rod (18) of a hook-shaped end (20) on another side of the hub (36) have a greater clearance for lateral guidance.

3. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that an outer contour of the hub (36) has a contact face (46) for the hook-shaped end (20) of the wiper rod (18), with a small bending radius (48) and a small material thickness (52) and a first of the lateral struts (60) is disposed at a distance (56) from the hub (36) in the longitudinal direction (38) that corresponds to the smaller material thickness (52).

4. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that on an outer contour remote from the hub (36), a first of the lateral struts (60) has a contact face (62) for the hook-shaped end (20) of a wiper rod (18) with a larger bending radius (50) and a larger material thickness (54), and a second of the lateral struts (64) is disposed at a distance (58) from the first lateral strut (60) in the longitudinal direction (38) that corresponds to the larger material thickness (54).

5. The bearing element (30) according to claim 4, characterized in that the second lateral strut (64) has a flattened contact face (66) that is oriented toward the hub (36) and is for a smaller wiper rod (18) with a hook-shaped end (20) that has a smaller bending radius (48) and a smaller material thickness (52).

6. The bearing element (30) according to claim 1, characterized in that an additional lateral strut (70) is disposed at ends of the side walls (32, 34) for limiting a pivoting motion of the wiper rod (18) so that legs (72, 74) of the hook-shaped end (20) extend virtually parallel to the longitudinal direction (38) in a mounted position.

7. The bearing element (30) according to claim 6, characterized in that on the side walls (32, 34), starting from the additional lateral strut (70), the detent means having at least one detent projection (76, 78), which in the mounted position, rests against an inner side of a long leg (72) of the hook-shaped end (20).